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SUBJECT: TURKISH REQUEST FOR ICEM MEMBERSHIP -- ASSESSED
CONTRIBUTION

REF: GENEVA 7577

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED CORRESPONDENCE FROM TURKISH MISSION, GENEVA ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT AS CONDITION OF ICEM MEMBERSHIP. LEVEL OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION UNDER ICEM CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS IS DETERMINED BY GOVERNING BODIES WITH FINAL APPROVAL GIVEN IN THE COUNCIL. THE BURDEN OF ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATE PERCENTAGE DOES NOT REST ON A SINGLE MEMBER AND TURKEY SHOULD TAKE ITS CASE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR THE COUNCIL. IF THE TURKISH MISSION IS RELUCTANT TO FOLLOW THAT PROCEDURE, THEN IT CAN HAVE ITS CASE PRESENTED THROUGH THE ICEM DIRECTOR.

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE REPLY TO THE APRIL 27, 1978,
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TURKISH LETTER TO AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL, U.S. MISSION SHOULD INDICATE THAT CORRESPONDENCE WAS REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON. USG CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH ICEM SO THAT FULL MEMBERSHIP CAN BE ACCORDED. ASSESSMENTS TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ARE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DIRECTOR TO THE GOVERNING BODIES, AND THAT

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THESE BODIES SHOULD MORE APPROPRIATELY BE TAKEN UP IN THEM RATHER THAN WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. THE ICEM COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION HAS THE FINAL SAY ON ESTABLISHING PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET. U.S. DELEGATIONS TO FUTURE ICEM MEETINGS WILL OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE MATTER AND THE U.S. MISSION WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THESE DELEGATIONS THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE TURKISH MISSION.

3. FYI: DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ONE PERCENT ASSESSMENT IS NOT UNREASONABLE GIVEN FACT GREECE IS AND HAS BEEN PAYING 1.20 PERCENT. IN MOST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TURKISH CONTRIBUTION IS ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS THAN GREEK. DIFFICULTY IS GREEKS WILL LOOK VERY CLOSELY AT TURKISH ASSESSMENT LEVEL AND WILL RAISE A FUSS UNLESS TURKISH CONTRIBUTION FOLLOWS USUAL PATTERN IN RELATION TO GREECE IN UN ORGANIZATIONS. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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